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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DONATION OF SURPLUS ELECTRIC LOGGING SYSTEM
TO UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the donation of a surplus Mount Sopris Logging System (Public Works Identification Nos. 10636, 10637, 10638, 10639, and 563102) to the United States Geological Survey.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The subject equipment has been utilized extensively to electronically log injection wells for several seawater intrusion barrier projects. The equipment is now outdated and requires periodic costly calibration and maintenance. It has become more cost efficient for us to utilize the services of a private vendor who has access to state-of-the-art equipment.

The United States Geological Survey is interested in obtaining the equipment for use on future projects, including planned projects in Los Angeles County.

For more than two years, the United States Geological Survey has been involved in a collaborative program with Public Works in a study of the groundwater geology of the Los Angeles Basin. The objectives of this program include developing a better understanding of the subsurface distribution of groundwater-bearing deposits in the basin, and the routes by which seawater is infiltrating the groundwater-bearing sediments. An improved understanding of how seawater intrusion is occurring will lead to a more

economical and efficient operation of the existing seawater-intrusion barriers and more effective planning for future barrier projects to protect the Los Angeles water supply.

The United States Geological Survey will use the donated electric logging system, in conjunction with their own logging equipment, to collect research data on new wells being drilled by the United States Geological Survey, Public Works, and other agencies in the Los Angeles area. This collaborative program will help to improve the protection of Los Angeles basin groundwater, which provides one-third of the water supply for coastal areas of Greater Los Angeles.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by reducing the costs of our services while at the same time increasing the quality of our work.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No impact to the General Fund is expected from this action. Due to low usage and high maintenance costs, it has become more cost-efficient to utilize the services of a private vendor who has access to state-of-the-art equipment and technologies.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The United States Geological Survey and Public Works have agreed that the donation of the equipment would be an asset to the Survey and benefit the citizens of Los Angeles County by helping to improve the protection of the Los Angeles basin water supply. Transfer of ownership would be required and would be consummated upon approval of your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Authorizing the donation of the subject system to the United States Geological Survey will have no impact on current services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

DONATION AGREEMENT FORMAT

The County of Los Angeles by action of the Board of Supervisors on _____, 2003, enters into an agreement with the United States Geological Survey, an agency, located at 160 North Stephanie Road, Henderson, Nevada 89074, hereinafter referred to as Donee, for the donation of County Surplus items listed:

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| 1) PW 10636 | 2) PW 10637 | 3) PW 10638 |
| 4) PW 10639 | 5) PW 563102 | |

Terms and Conditions of Donation

Donee agrees that:

1. Pursuant to the instructions of the Board, this donation is subject to your agency using the item(s) listed above in a manner beneficial to the public good and to the residents of the County of Los Angeles. The donated property is not being acquired for any other use or purpose.
2. This donation is made with the understanding that the Donee will use these items for the course of collecting data on new wells being drilled by the United States Geological Survey, Public Works, and other agencies in the Los Angeles area.
3. Upon acceptance of the donated property, said property becomes the sole property of the Donee. The property acquired by the Donee is on an "as is," "where is" basis, without guarantee and/or warranty of any kind.
4. Donee will pick-up donated items within 60 business days of being contacted by the County.
5. Accordingly, agreement is hereby reached that the Department of Public Works will transfer possession of these item(s) and the United States Geological Survey will accept and utilize these items as described above.

Donee

County of Los Angeles

Signed by Executive level representative

County Department Head or Designee

Date

Date